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Jeff S. Jordan
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Federal Election Commission
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Re: response to MUR 5440

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is my response to your letter notifying me that a complaint had been filed with the Federal Election Commission and asking for a response to that complaint.

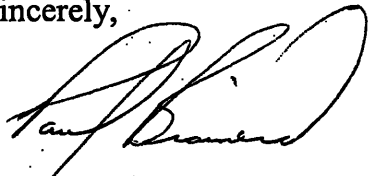
After having reviewed the voluminous complaint and attachments, it is clear that my involvement in this matter arises solely as the result of my having made a contribution to America Coming Together ("ACT") and The Media Fund ("TMF"). I made my contributions relying on the assurances of ACT and TMF that their activities, and my contributions, were in complete compliance with all federal campaign finance laws, including the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act.

I found it quite surprising that I was alleged to be involved in a "massive conspiracy to corrupt the federal campaign finance system." For the record, I didn't conspire with anyone; I was simply exercising my constitutional right to political free speech within the existing laws and regulations of the United States.

Despite the overheated and false rhetoric laced throughout the complaint, I believe that the assurances I received are true and that my contribution was legal. I understand that the other parties to the complaint will be addressing in more detail the other legal issues raised in the complaint, and I refer you to their responses for a discussion of those issues.

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 206-448-0676 ext. 105 or my assistant Julie Davis at ext. 112.

Sincerely,



Paul Brainerd

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